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A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. I am now on Facebook. The Friends of Old-time Radio Convention is also on Facebook and is run by Sean Dougherty.

We lost **Adrienne Roy**, prolific Batman and DC Comics colorist and wife of Anthony Tollin for 25 years, attending 20 FOTR Conventions. Details at
<<http://www.comicsbeat.com/2010/12/17/rip-adrienne-roy/>>

The 2010 FOURTH REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just off the press. Much new information; Details on flyer. Cost is \$57 for new buyers. If you bought any of the books before, the cost is \$47.

Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

CONVENTION 2011: This is our 36th convention. (Tentatively planned), Dates are Oct 20 – 23, 2011 at the Ramada Plaza, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>

CONVENTION 2010: 2010 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures. Pens are also available for \$1.25

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Five years ago, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; -**RLI on the Air**, Fall; article about the Origin of the Shadow by Martin Grams, Jr.-winter; The Origin of the Shadow; **Radio Recall**, Dec; articles about A Christmas Carol, a complete log by Craig Wichman; Radio in Europe; -**Old Radio Times**, Nov - Dec; articles about Radio Detectives (ILAM); Casey, Crime Photographer; Walter Winchell; Dinah Shore; Lipton Tea and Arthur Godfrey; Review of FOTR Convention; -**Nostalgia Digest**, winter; articles about Peggy Webber; You Bet Your Life; The Shadow, early Years; Against the Storm; -**The Illustrated Press**, Dec; articles about Glenn Miller; Blondie; Comic Strips to Radio; Red Skelton; Jan; articles about Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy; Fibber McGee and Molly; -**Air Check**, Dec; articles about The Shadow; Irma Phillips; -**The Jack Benny Times**, Jan – Apr; much more stuff about Jack Benny; **Radio Nostalgia and Memorabilia Magazine**, Vol 1 #10; published by Virgil James (a voice from the distant past). For info about free issues send #10 envelope (SASE) to RNM, Virgil James, 1111 Parsippany Blvd. #210, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Contains articles and info about Box tops, radio premiums, secret decoders, radio comic strips, etc.- **Old Time Radio Digest**, winter; articles about Danny Kaye; Radio in 1947; Jell-O and Jack Benny

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the

series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571;-Many books are from **McFarland** ; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708; 229-436-4265; <Bearmanormedia.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio);-**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>;-**Scarecrow Press**; <scarecrowpress.com> 1-800-462-6420.

From Bearmanor Media; "An Actor's Odyssey; by Arthur Anderson; 2010;
paperback; 220 pages;

ARTHUR ANDERSON claims he's been in every branch of show business but grand opera and the circus. He became a professional actor at twelve on radio, including 18 years on the children's fairy tale program *Let's Pretend*. His first Broadway stage appearance was with Orson Welles in the Mercury Theatre's *Julius Caesar*. Summer stock, winter stock, musical stock, television and motion pictures including *Green Card* and *Zelig* followed, and for 29-years he was the original voice of Lucky The Leprechaun for Lucky Charms Cereal, as well as doing dozens of on-camera commercials. This is his story!

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CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

Cincinnati's 25th Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, May 13 – 14, 2011;
Crowne Plaza Hotel; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (888-477-9112) <haradio@hotmail.com>

6th Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 21 – 24, 2011. Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <<http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>>

36th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 20 – 23, 2011 (tentative) at the **Ramada Plaza Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn)**, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 728-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL; I am listing those individuals who have an OLD-time radio program on the air or on the internet. If you aren't listed or you want to change the information, send me the exact wording.

On the Radio

Linda and David Breninger are celebrating their 25th year of broadcasting their biweekly old-time radio program from their house; station KVMR at 89.5 FM Nevada City and 105.1 FM Truckee, CA.

"**Those Were the Days**," which has been on the air since May 1970 (1 to 5 pm CST every Saturday) and has been heard on WDCB-FM/Glen Ellyn, IL since 2000. Chuck Schaden hosted the show through June 2009 and I've hosted it since then. I'm also the host of "Radio's Golden Age," heard every Sunday (noon to 2 pm CST) at www.yesterdayusa.com. (**Steve Darnall**)

For 6 years I have been doing a weekly OTR show on the Audio-Reader Radio Network in Lawrence, Kansas. This is a closed circuit network for the visually impaired, connected with the University of Kansas and KPR, Kansas Public Radio. We reach about 5000 listeners throughout Kansas and Northwest Missouri. My program "Old Time Radio Hour" features a complete program each week from my own collection. 104 shows have been done to date. We are also on the web at audioreader.ku.edu. (**Don Frey**)

Heritage Radio Theatre began in March of 1983 as a daily drive time feature on WTPP, a 20K Watt AM station in Boston's suburb of Natick, MA where it was heard for 6 years - 7 days a week in its final couple of years. While heard on local radio, Heritage Radio Theatre joined with the new Yesterday USA for many years. It has been on Jerry Haendiges' Olde Tyme Radio Network for the last several years. It has been on one medium or another continuously since 1983. Host, **Tom Heathwood** started as a "junior announcer" on WCOP Boston in the late 1940's and has been

involved in broadcasting ever since. For the last several years, the voice of friend, Fred Foy has introduced Heritage Theatre every week for it's 90 minute shows which have featured Old-Time Radio, rare broadcast "gems", OTR radio personalities, book and film reviews and guests from the broadcast world. Tom was one of the earliest OTR program dealers and has maintained Heritage Radio Classics since 1971. Tom says that there is no other medium of entertainment that can match old-time radio for exercising the imagination. He has enjoyed being a part of it for all these years. His E-Mail address is: HeritageRadio@msn.com. His home is in Chestnut Hill, MA.

I (Don Fisher) am doing a one hour weekly program on our local Public Access TV station. I ran the program for a couple of years about ten years ago. I'm now dubbing the tapes on to DVD's & rerunning them on the station. I call the program "CATVRadio" as the station is CAT-TV. I show a picture of a vintage radio & do the audio portion as a radio program with opening music, fade to an intro of the show & then announce the first radio show. I do 2 shows with a break in between to announce the second show. At the end I do a close, then music while disclaimers and closing titles run. I started this new run this past September and am committed to one year. I'll see if I want to continue at that time. BTW, they run the program 6 times a week, so it gets pretty good exposure. Each week is a new program.

Same Time Same Station (Larry and John Gassman); Sundays, 5 - 7 pm; KPCC, Pasadena, CA; Have been broadcasting for several years; part of Jerry Haendiges' Network (**Olde Tyme Radio Network**) and on Yesterday USA

Jerry Haendiges has been broadcasting off and on since 1969; His current show, **OTRadio Classics** is broadcast once a week in California.

Bob Bro also is part of this network as (**The Old Time Radio Show**). He also broadcasts once a week on Sundays

Yesterday USA; Unlike traditional Radio Stations that broadcast directly to members of the general public, Yesterday USA only transmits it's powerful signals directly to broadcast satellites and/or to organizations that stream audio on the internet! Yesterday USA was founded in 1983 by Bill Bragg. It is the worldwide voice of the *National Museum Of Communications, Inc.*, a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 Texas Corporation, which Bill also founded in 1979. Yesterday USA's purpose is to preserve and present the history of radio and to tell the world about the Museum. YUSA is on the air 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and operates on "two-week cycles". During each two-week period a total of 87 hours of LIVE and/or recorded programming is prepared and presented. Many volunteers host the shows and contribute, including many of the people mentioned above.

CKXU 88.3 FM's "Old Time Radio Show" airs Sunday afternoons 3:00pm-5:00pm MDT. You can listen at: www.ckxu.com/oldtimeradios; host is **Kelly Szmalarz**

"Old Time Radio Drama" host Norman Gilliland on since 1989. Originates at WHA in Madison, WI. Currently heard over Wisconsin Public Radio stations and online at wpr.org Saturday and Sunday from 8-11 P.M.

Internet

Radio Once More (1 year) **Neal Ellis and Ken Stockinger** (www.RadioOnceMore.com). It is on every day. Often special programs from 9 pm to 12 midnight

I (Dan Hughes) do a weekly OTR podcast at <http://radiofun.info>. I intro and outro a 30-minute program each week, and I post a new show every Monday.

Jim Widner I have had a podcast since 2005 called "The Radio Detective Story Hour" focusing, obviously, on crime/detective/Suspense. It isn't regular anymore though I try to do several a month. It is not a streaming show as some "otr radio" programs are, but rather a podcast to which one subscribes and/or downloads the programs free of charge. It is located at <http://www.otr.com/blog>

Walden Hughes live Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night on Yesterdayusa.com from 7-30 PM to at least 1 AM. The call in number for the live show is (714) 545-2071. Walden is Based in Costa Mesa California. Frank Bresee cohosts with Walden on Friday, Patricia from FL on Saturday. We feature OTR, and celebrities interviews, and more. Walden Hughes email is waldenhughes@yesterdayusa.com cell (714) 454-3281

I have been hosting an OTR show on the **Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service** since 1988 with Frank Boncore joining me in 1989. Special receivers are required to receive the signal. The service is aimed for the blind & handicapped. I also have an internet show on Yesterday USA with various cohosts. **Dick Olday**

Stu Weiss <www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe>. Stu plays 50's and 60's music on Friday

nights into early Saturday mornings.

While not officially started yet, I (**Tony Baechler**) will be hosting a series of podcasts for the **Old Time Radio Researchers**. They are online at <http://otrr.org/> The launch is expected to happen on February 1st, 2011 or around early February. It will probably be called Radio's Best Years, but Classic Radio Revisited is also under consideration. Maybe both names will be used for different podcast series. In 2009, I started a podcast called CARE or Classic Adventures in Radio Entertainment. It only lasted a few episodes, but all episodes are now online. The new podcast announced above will be very similar but with slight differences. The official site for all of the above is: <http://classicradio.us/> and you can find all old CARE podcasts at <http://classicradio.us/old/podcast/>

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: [<old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>](mailto:old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net); **Let me know if any are out of date.**

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**);-**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robrmcd/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/dougosmonek>> new e-mail is <dougosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>. (also) <http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>;-**Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>;-**Old time Radio Researchers Group** <http://www.otrr.org>;-For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** <http://www.otrrlibrary.org>;-For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars, check out **OTRRPedia** located at <http://www.otrrpedia.org>;-**Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe>. **Peter Tatchell** <laughterlog.com>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039; <www.old-time.com/mccoy.html> **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-283-9770); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-

6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> Danean MacAndrew, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast> **Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/pop shoppe> **BRC Productions**; 2011 Supplement #1; Suspense; Forbidden Cargo; The Whisperer; Great Gildersleeve TV shows; much more

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IN FOND MEMORY: **Leslie Nielson**, Nov 28, 84; actor (Canadian radio, Jive Patrol);- **Blake Edwards**, Dec 15, 88; writer, director (Richard Diamond, The Lineup);-**Bob Feller**, Dec 15, 92; Pitcher; had at least 125 3-minute spots on radio;-**Neva Patterson**, Dec 14, 90; actress (Cavalcade of America; You Are There);-**Fred Foy**, Dec 22, 89; One of our great announcers (Lone Ranger); attended FOTR conventions for many years;-**Clay Cole**, Dec 18, 72; Had a Dance program on New York television in the 1960's. Attended FOTR convention 2 years ago; was on local radio program as a child;-**Lina Romy**, Dec 17, 91; singer, actress (Radio Hall of Fame; Xavier Cugat Show; Kraft Music Hall);-**Anne Francis**, Jan 2, 80; actress (Let's Pretend; When a Girl Marries);-**Margot Stevenson**, Jan 2, 98; stage, movie, radio actress (The Shadow); frequent attendee at our convention;-**Margaret Whiting**, Jan 10, 86; singer; (Barry Wood; Command Performance; Bob Hope). attending FOTR Convention one year.-**David Nelson**, Jan 11, 74; actor, director (Ozzie and Harriet);-**Dorothy Warenskjold**, Dec 27, 89; opera singer (Voice of Firestone; Harvest of Stars)

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970; The first OTR convention was in 1971; The Friends of Old-time Radio started in 1976

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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